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In re Patent Application of)	
Pierre Bertrand et al.)	Group Art Unit: 2876
Application No.: 09/807,885)	Examiner: SEUNG H. LEE
Filed: July 12, 2002)	Confirmation No.: 6228
For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING A)	
CONTACTLESS CARD)	
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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 2, 2004, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the claims.

The courteous interview conducted by Examiner Lee with Applicants' undersigned representative is noted with appreciation.

As discussed in previous responses, the claimed subject matter is directed to the manufacture of contactless integrated circuit devices, such as smart cards, as well as the products resulting from such manufacture. In accordance with the teachings of the disclosure, the devices are manufactured by extruding a covering layer onto a support substrate containing an integrated circuit chip and other electronic components. By employing an extrusion technique, the manufacturing process is continuous, and greatly simplified, relative to prior art lamination and molding processes.